

# The Queen's Medical Center

The Queen's Medical Center (QMC) – UHM Nursing Research Partnership supports the development, implementation, and dissemination of collaborative projects to improve healthcare through research and evidence-based practice. This innovative partnership is a successful endeavor that bridges education and practice in our community while developing research capacity in both institutions.

## History

Preliminary discussions about building a research partnership began in 2006 with a vested interest by UH Manoa Nursing Dean Dr. Mary G. Boland, and QMC's Chief Nursing Officer, Cindy Kamikawa. The original model partnered staff nurses with UH faculty members who had research or evidence-based practice topics of mutual interest. The nurse-faculty pair responded to an annual Request for Proposals by developing a proposal that was then scored by researchers from both sites. The collaborative leaders Mary G. Boland, Cindy Kamikawa, Jillian Inouye, Renee W. Latimer, and Stephanie Marshall published a paper in *Nursing Economics* titled "Partnership to Build Research Capacity" in 2010.

In 2014, the partnership evolved to incorporate QMC's Nursing Research Fellowship program where QMC and UH faculty mentors provide didactic and consultative services to teams of staff nurse researchers who are interested in generating new knowledge about QMC priority areas. This two year program provided education and support for the development and implementation of these projects. The first year consisted of six monthly didactic sessions that culminated in complete proposals ready for submission to the QMC Institutional Review Board. The second year consisted of monthly didactic sessions to facilitate implementation, analysis, and dissemination of

each project. The project leaders at QMC, Renee Latimer & Jennifer Kimbell, published a paper in The Journal of Nursing Administration titled “Nursing Research Fellowship: Building Nursing Research Infrastructure in a Hospital” in 2010.

A total of 16 EPB research studies were approved and funded over the next seven years. Of those funded, 11 studies were completed; two studies are in the final phases of data analysis or manuscript preparation. Project leaders Barbara Molina Kooker, Renee Latimer and Debra D. Mark published a paper in The Journal of Nursing Administration titled “Successfully Coaching Nursing Staff to Publish Outcomes” in 2015.

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